



Monthly Newsletter

Pack 208

TROOP 208

providing Scouting in Swanton since 1923



Chartered by the Murbach-Siefert American Legion Post 479 in Swanton, OH

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Pictures of activities, forms, updated news at our website

www.swantonscouts.org

HAPPY 242ND BIRTHDAY !

to our home, the United States of America



AUGUST 18TH IS THE SWANTON CORNFEST !!

A PARADE to start the day off with and fun We will be participating in the parade and the Troop will be selling those awesome milkshakes afterwards too!

Memorial Day Parade 2018



Summer Camping / Program

PSR - Summer Camp 2018

July 1st through July 7th

Nestle Campsite



Wednesday is Family Night when the families can come out and see the Scouts. Just a reminder to the parents if you do come out to see your Scout, please leave him at Camp when you leave and take your wallets (money) with you!

Council Centennial Camporee

Coming in the fall of 2018... it's been 6 years, but we'll ALL have a Camporee (Cubs & Boy Scouts) activities for all of the Scouts will be planned! Fun for everyone and PSR's 50th Anniversary too.

Torch of Gold Award



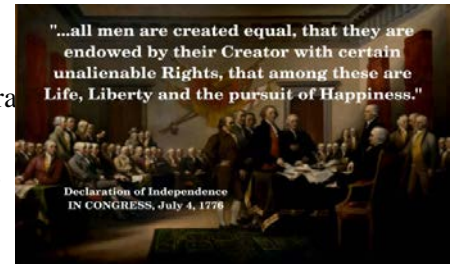
My humble thanks to those who thought I was worthy of this recognition, I still think it was just helping youth.



The Fourth of July

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th>

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.



The Birth of Independence Day

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.

By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet “Common Sense,” published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies’ independence.

Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee’s resolution, but appointed a five-man committee — including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York — to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

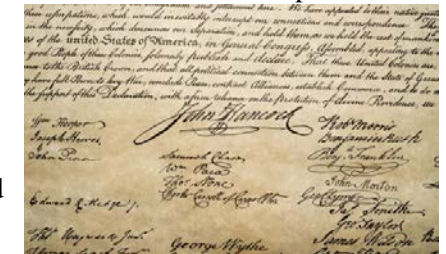


On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee’s resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 “will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival” and that the celebration should include “Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other.”

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

Did you know that... John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

In May 1775, John Hancock was elected president of the Continental Congress, which was meeting in Philadelphia. The next month, the Congress chose George Washington (1732-1799) as commander of the Continental Army. (According to some accounts, Hancock had eyed the role for himself.) During the eight years of war that followed, Hancock used his wealth and influence to help fund the army and revolutionary cause.



and ... As president of the Continental Congress, Hancock is credited as the first signer of the Declaration of Independence. His prominent, stylish signature became famous. (According to legend, Hancock boldly inscribed his name so the English king would not need glasses to read it.)

<https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/john-hancock>

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable 4th of July this year.
Please don't forget we have our freedoms because others were willing to sacrifice for us.

Upcoming Activities

Cub Scout Day Camp 2017 @ Camp Miakonda

- Week 1 June 18th thru 22nd
- Week 2 June 25th thru 29th
- Week 3 July 9th thru 13th
- Week 4 July 16th thru 20th



7th Annual Troops & Packs
Invitational Pool Party
Rolf Park Swimming Pool
July 31st in Maumee
7:30pm to 9:30pm

Troop 210 is, once again, hosting an open Pool Party for local Troops & Packs. Details are in the flyer.

Webelos I Overnight sessions @ Camp Miakonda

- Session 1 June 30th & July 1st
- Session 2 July 7th & 8th

Webelos II Resident Camping at PSR in 2018

- Weekend #1 is July 29th - August 1st
- Weekend #2 is August 1st - August 4th

As a reminder - there will be no Cub Family Campout or Fall Camporee this year in October due to the Fall Camporee.

University of Scouting 2018

The 2018 University of Scouting will be held at the Hull Prairie Intermediate School in Perrysburg. November 3rd, 2018 with the cost being \$20 Programs will be available for both Scouts and Adults; the schedule will be posted as soon as we have one available to share.

Flag Day 2018 & Flag Retirements



Leave No Trace Trainer Course
September 14th thru 16th, 2018



It's a weekend long training session for anyone 14 years old, or older, interested in being an LNT Trainer. If anyone is interested, we have a flyer on the units' website or see your Janitor (Mr Quick) for details.

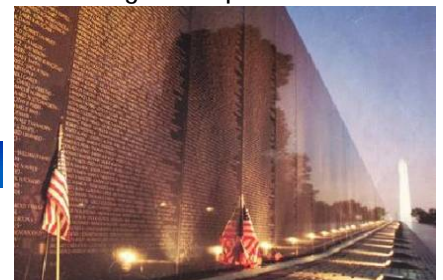
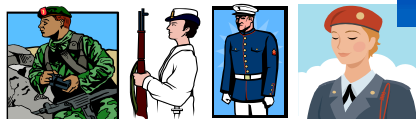
The 2018 - 2019 Training Schedule is posted on our Website also or please see da Janitor for info.

Fourth of July / VETERANS related websites/video clips that you may find interesting or helpful:

ANGEL FLIGHT Radio Tower Song (youtube) with Darius Rucker
www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgkxiqKj0nU&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Veteran's Day Parade in NYC 2010 (youtube)
www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=z3Z5fGwsZSs&vq=medium

Vietnam (Virtual) Wall
www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm



July Historical & Current Events

July 2nd

Amelia Earhart and her airplane were lost in Pacific Ocean, 1937
The Civil Rights Act was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1964



July 3rd

Congress created the United States Veterans Administration, 1930



July 4th

The Declaration of Independence was approved, 1776
Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died, 1826

July 8th

Colonel John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, 1776

July 9th

The Declaration of Independence was read aloud to General George Washington's troops in New York, 1776

July 10th

The US frigate "*United States*" was launched, 1797



July 11th

United States Air Force Academy was dedicated at Lowry Air Base, Colorado, 1955

July 12th

Congress authorized the Medal of Honor, 1862
(there are 3 different Medals of Honor; Navy & Marine, Army & Air Force)

July 16th

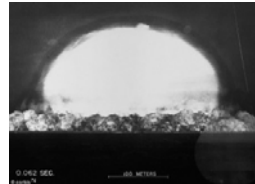
General Ulysses S. Grant was named commander-in-chief of all the Union armies, 1862
The first atomic bomb was detonated in New Mexico, 1945

July 17th

Spain ceded Florida to the United States, 1821

July 18th

The great fire of Rome began, A.D. 64
Professional baseball great Ty Cobb hit safety for 4000th time, 1927



July 19th

Apollo 11 orbited the moon, 1969
Christa McAuliffe of New Hampshire was chosen to be the first schoolteacher to ride aboard the space shuttle, 1985

July 20th

The first man (Astronaut Neil Armstrong) to set foot on the moon, 1969
America's Viking I robot spacecraft made the first-ever landing on Mars, 1976



July 22nd

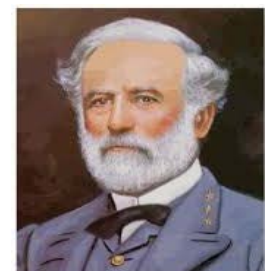
The city of Cleveland was founded by General Moses Cleveland, 1796
Katharine Bates wrote *America the Beautiful*, 1893
American citizenship was re-granted to Confederate General Robert E. Lee, by President James Carter, 1975

July 23rd

Puerto Rico voted to remain a United States commonwealth, 1967

July 25th

The Central Intelligence Agency was created, 1947



July 26th

Benjamin Franklin became Post-Master General and the Postal Service was established, 1775

July 29th

International Atomic Energy Agency was established, 1957



July 30th

Medicare bill signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, 1965